

The only time Professor Hickman has been out of Australia was during World War I.

No reference to his own research work (on SPIDERS?)

Professor V. Hickman

Student 1912 - 1915

Staff 1932 - 1959

Reasons for doing Natural Sciences instead of Engineering which was first choice.

Various teachers - heavy load of Chemistry lecturer, involving other institutions as well as university.

030 Bachelor of Mining Engineering.

050 Family background - interest in education.

065 Matriculation requirements - much more difficult then than now.
ref. to Rhodes Scholar ERIC WOODS.

080 Satisfaction at having studied Latin.

100 "Biological German"
ref. to England as "home" in spite of having been born in Australia.

115 Majored in Biology and Chemistry 1914.
Did some demonstrating at Uni. in honorary capacity - in return for right to use laboratories.

125 Visiting Master in Maths at Collegiate.
Lecturer in Chemistry at Zeehan School of Mines (1916).
With Fortieth Battalion in France 1917 - 18

140 Desire to do university course in England and so "big crowd of Australians" wanting to do likewise were "packed into a troopship" and sent home ahead of queue to own universities.
But old job at Zeehan vacant - returned for a year.

160 1920 - 1932 at Launceston Technical College.

165 Recollections of Zeehan.

Smelters were closed during war having been subsidised by Deutsche Bank.

175 Job at University in Biology - although he had been teaching Chemistry for 12 years. Protege of Professor Flynn.

190 Q: was there a big field of applicants then, in 1932?

A: about 14.

The Ralston Trust - drop in income from \$800 to \$400 - university could not raise rest, so job was Ralston lecturer until 1943 when Ralston chair was restored.

220 Staff and students in 1930's. 27 students in lab. built for seven. Extra storey put on building.

Dr. Gordon appointed lecturer in Botany. Hickman was more interested in Zoology than Botany. Preparation of Medical students. Dr. W. Curtis appointed as demonstrator in 1939.

240 Necessity for collecting own specimens in the bush.

250 No involvement in the other university activities in 1930's.
Heavy load of research under terms of Ralston trust.

265 Effect of War II on department.

285 Q: Any innovations in those early years?

A: Introduction of Botany.

Division into two departments: Zoology & Botany.

Appointment of Dr. Guiler(?) in 1947.

325 Q: How much did the Royal Commission and Orr case impinge on you?

A: No marked effect on Department.

"Dr. Curtis was now in the Botany Department"

355 Professorial Board thought it was being side stepped by Council in matter of matriculation etc.

375 Why Council was doing this.

395 Chancellor of the day ... taking over powers that rightly belonged to the Professorial Board.

420 The University should never have tried Professor Orr.

He should have been tried in the courts and either reinstated or dismissed.

460 The changes in Zoology - "become a subject of little bits".

480 Did not participate much in social life of university.

Professor Flynn's pet potaroo.

515 The Dining Club not known to him.

535 Anecdote about Mr. Peter McLeod early chemistry lecturer.

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